

Dominica

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Dominica GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, environmental tobacco smoke exposure (ETS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Dominica could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Dominica GYTS was a school-based survey of students in forms 1-4, conducted in 2000. A two-stage cluster sample

design was used to produce representative data for all of Dominica. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 86.6%, and the overall response rate was 86.6%. A total of 1626 students participated in the Dominica GYTS.

Prevalence

37.1% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 42.7%, Female = 30.9%)
 20.5% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 23.8%, Female = 16.0%)
 13.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 13.7%, Female = 11.4%)
 11.6% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 15.5%, Female = 7.2%)

Knowledge and Attitudes

33.4% think boys and 17.6% think girls who smoke have more friends
 12.9% think boys and 8.4% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

20.6% usually smoke at home
 25.2% buy cigarettes in a store
 82.4% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Environmental Tobacco Smoke

28.1% live in homes where others smoke
 58.8% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 73.1% think smoking should be banned from public places
 71.1% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 25.6% have one or more parents who smoke
 12.8% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

54.8% want to stop smoking
 52.4% tried to stop smoking during the past year

Media and Advertising

77.1% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 57.4% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 21.0% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 12.2% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

58.3% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 42.4% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 54.4% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 20% of students currently use some form of tobacco; 13% currently smoke cigarettes; 12% use other forms of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is high— Almost 3 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke; almost 6 in 10 are exposed to smoke in public places; 1 in 4 have parents who smoke.
- 7 in 10 students think smoking should be banned in public places.
- 7 in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over half of smokers want to stop.
- Almost 8 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; almost 6 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.